

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining sucralose from a feed mixture comprising 6-O-acyl-4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose, other chlorinated sucrose byproducts, and optionally other blocked or partially blocked chlorinated sucrose byproducts comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~performing a non-crystallization extraction step on~~purifying said feed mixture to obtain an increased purity sucralose precursor stream containing a total amount of said other chlorinated sucrose byproducts and said other blocked or partially blocked chlorinated sucrose byproducts, relative to 6-O-acyl-4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose, that is lower than a total amount of said other chlorinated sucrose byproducts and said other blocked or partially blocked chlorinated sucrose byproducts, relative to 6-O-acyl-4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose, in the feed mixture; said purifying comprising a non-crystallization extraction step;

(b) converting said 6-O-acyl-4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose in said increased purity sucralose precursor stream to sucralose;

(c) crystallizing said sucralose to obtain a crystalline sucralose and a mother liquor; and

(d) performing at least three additional sequential crystallizations of said crystalline sucralose to obtain a substantially pure sucralose and additional mother liquor.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, said purifying further comprising, after said non-crystallization extraction step, further comprising the step of crystallizing 6-O-acyl-4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose to provide from the increased purity sucralose precursor stream of step (a) prior to performing step (b).

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said crystallizing step is performed three times.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said crystallizing step is performed four times.

33. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said crystallizing step is performed five times.

34. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said crystallizing step is performed more than five times.

35.-86. (Canceled)